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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: GSP FOR PANAMANIAN SUGAR

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS POUCHED TO YOU THE NOTE IT RECEIVED  
FROM PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR LEWIS ON FEBRUARY 28, 1978. ON  
MARCH 13, THE DEPARTMENT SENT THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO AM-  
BASSADOR LEWIS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S  
NOTE NUMBER E.P. EUA-110D OF FEBRUARY 28, 1978, REQUESTING  
THAT RAW SUGAR (TSUS 155.20) FROM PANAMA BE REDESIGNATED AS  
ELIGIBLE FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT UNDER THE GENERALIZED  
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCE (GSP) FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1,  
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1978.

AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, IT WAS NOT FOUND POSSIBLE TO RE-  
DESIGNATE SUGAR AS ELIGIBLE FOR DUTY-FREE GSP TREATMENT  
FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT EXPORTED MORE THAN  
DOLS 33.4 MILLION OF SUGAR TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1977.  
THESE COUNTRIES WERE THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, COLOMBIA, EL

SALVADOR, GUYANA, INDIA, JAMAICA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA AND

THAILAND. CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE SUGAR REMAINS ON THE DUTY-FREE GSP LIST, THE ABOVE COUNTRIES TOGETHER WITH ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA, PERU AND THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC REMAIN INELIGIBLE FOR GSP DUTY-FREE ENTRY FOR SUGAR FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH 1, 1978.

THERE WERE SEVERAL REASONS WHY IT WAS NOT FOUND POSSIBLE TO REDESIGNATE SUGAR FROM THOSE COUNTRIES THAT WERE ELIGIBLE. ONE WAS BECAUSE THE REDESIGNATION OF ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE GSP WOULD UNDERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE U.S. DOMESTIC SUGAR PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM AT A TIME WHEN THIS PROGRAM IS JUST BEGINNING AND IS STILL UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY. ANOTHER WAS THE FACT THAT MANY FOREIGN PRODUCERS WERE COMPETITIVE IN THE U.S. MARKET WITHOUT GSP BENEFITS.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WILLIAM G. BARRACLOUGH  
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